



## ***QUFA Executive Election 2021*** **CANDIDATES' STATEMENT**

Nominee for Member at Large

### **Melissa Houghtaling**

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Gender Studies

I am running for a second term for the Member at Large position on the QUFA Executive Committee. I have been involved in QUFA since 2014 and served on numerous committees, including QUFA Council as a Term Adjunct and then a Continuing Adjunct Representative, the Political Action and Communications Committee (PACC), the Joint Committee to Administer the Agreement (JCAA), and the Executive Committee (as the current Member at Large). I was also a member of the 2019 QUFA Bargaining Team and the 2020 QUFA COVID Negotiations Consultation Group.

I seek a second term as a Member-at-Large on the Executive to continue to represent the interests of all QUFA members. Importantly, I also aim to better represent our most marginalized and precarious QUFA members, including those who are racialized, queer, have a disability, and/or are Adjuncts. It is imperative that the interests, issues, and concerns of all members – and not just the well represented ones – are heard at the Executive level and inform the decisions of the leadership. As a Member at Large, I will work to stay informed on current and emerging issues that affect our members and bring those issues to the Executive.

I feel my particular work experiences as a Continuing Adjunct and Undergraduate Chair in the Department of Gender Studies make me an excellent candidate for this position because of my work and interactions with different groups of members on issues related to undergraduate teaching and administration, Adjunct rights, and social justice work on campus.